



Pima Germplasm

Pima Pappusgrass (*Pappophorum vaginatum*)

Native Grasses for Conservation

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Pima pappusgrass is a native perennial warm season bunchgrass found along roadsides, in valleys and on plains at low elevations. It occurs in the southwestern United States, Mexico, Argentina and Uruguay. In Arizona, Pima pappusgrass is found primarily in Pima and Cochise Counties at elevations from 2,500 to 4,000 feet.

Pima Germplasm is a composite of 16 accessions collected from native Pima pappusgrass stands in southern Arizona. Plant materials were collected from diverse areas in southern Arizona to develop a population with a broad genetic base and adaptation to the area of its intended use. No selection was made on the 16 accessions in order to maximize the genetic adaptability of the release.

The potential uses of Pima Germplasm Pima pappusgrass include erosion control, wildlife food/cover, restoration of disturbed areas, rehabilitation of rangeland and for increasing plant diversity in arid rangeland communities.

Seed of Pima germplasm is available through the Tucson Plant Materials Center or your local NRCS office.



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